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LA CHAÎNE

ANNOUNCING DEMO FEST 2025

WHAT IS DEMO FEST?

A fundraiser for Solidarity Across Borders / Solidaridad sin fronteras / Solidarité sans frontières (SAB), a Montreal-based migrant justice network. In 2020, the first iteration of DEMO FEST was a raging success, raising over $10,000 for SAB through over 200 demos submitted.

It's also a motivator to encourage punks to complete new recordings in the Fall, giving us all the gift of new music as we enter the darkest and coldest months of winter.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Punks spend October and November recording a new demo's worth of music and submit it to us. We'll start accepting submissions via the website in October.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR DEMO IS DECEMBER 1ST

On the Winter Solstice (Sunday December 21st, 2025), we will release all the submitted demos on the website: demo-fest.org

Everything will be available to stream for free from the website. Donations to SAB will be encouraged, and collected in exchange for high-quality downloads. For more info about how it'll work, read on to the FAQ below:

CONTACT

- Website: **demo-fest.org**
- E-mail: **contact@demo-fest.org**
- Check or follow DEMO FEST on Mastodon/the Fediverse at **@demo_fest@counterforce.social**

DEMO FEST FAQ

WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR DEMO FEST 2025?

- Complete that unfinished solo project you've had on your laptop since the last DEMO FEST (2020)
- Start a band with your roommates/partner/friends who've never played in a punk band before
- Learn how to use a drum machine and do something completely solo
- Record music for the first time ever
- Organize a band-off/band in a hat
- Record something new/experimental/really fast with your pre-existing band
- Reunite an old band for "one last demo"

WHAT COUNTS AS A "DEMO"?

You should be thinking of a classic punk demo tape. Three to six songs probably! Maybe 2 songs if there's a synth or it's a noise project.

DOES IT HAVE TO BE PUNK?

The music itself doesn't have to be guitar-based or loud or angry or whatever you think other people think "punk" is. But DEMO FEST is for punks! Don't overthink it... If you like going to underground punk shows or listening to underground punk music or play in bands (or have always wanted to play in a band), that's you!

DO I HAVE TO BE IN MONTREAL/CANADA TO PARTICIPATE?

NO! Fuck borders! Submissions are welcome from anywhere. DEMO FEST 2020 featured a large slice of contributions from all over the USA and Canada.

CAN I SUBMIT SOMETHING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED?

Please, no! DEMO FEST is for new releases. It's not a showcase for stuff that has been previously released. We want novelty! That being said if you want to finish off a long-lost recording that never got a proper release, that's welcome.

ARE YOU POSTING EVERYTHING ON BANDCAMP AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Currently that's not the plan. We'll build a website using a tool called faircamp. It will look and work like Bandcamp but will be just for the DEMO FEST 2025 releases.

Bandcamp is OK, but the recent ownership changes make us nervous about what could happen in the future. So we want to encourage people to experiment with a different way to post their demos online! We'll take care of all the technical stuff, don't worry.

CAN I STILL POST MY DEMO ON BANDCAMP, OR SPOTIFY, OR WHEREVER ELSE?

We ask that you at least treat DEMO FEST like an exclusive premier, and wait a few months before posting your demo online elsewhere. Let's say until March 1st, 2026 if you want a date. This will let us capture the most donations for Solidarity Across Borders. It's your music! You should be free to do what you want. We are operating on a punk handshake agreement here, so we arn't going to sign a licensing deal or anything.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

All funds raised are going directly to Montreal-based migrant justice organization Solidarity Across Borders / Solidaridad sin fronteras / Solidarité sans frontières (SAB). They provide direct mutual aid to migrants in Montreal and support to those facing deportation, as well organize broader social campaigns in the fight towards Status For All!

SPREAD THE WORD

Please share DEMO FEST with your friends far and wide and start planning! More info and resources can be found on the website:

www.demo-fest.org

SEPTEMBER

Find more info and more shows on AskAPunk.net

Saturday September 6 – Samedi 6 septembre

MELDAMOR (Phoenix), UZU, MISTWALKER @ Cabaret Foufs – 19h30/7:30pm – $30

Sunday September 7 – Dimanche 7 septembre

COMEBACK KID, INCENDIARY (NY), PROWL, PUNITIVE DAMAGE (Vancouver), CROSS CHECK @ Club Soda – 19h/7pm – $40

Thursday September 11 – Jeudi 11 septembre

Varning Main Show: TRÄUME (Poland), FLOWER (NYC), EXTENSIVE SLAUGHTER (Vancouver), WARKRUSHER, SHOOTING PAIN (Richmond/NYC), SCHENCTAVOIDZ (Schenectady), SPLEEN @ Piranha Bar – 18h30/6:30pm – $35

Friday September 12 – Vendredi 12 septembre

Varning Matinée: INVERTIBRATES (Richmond), REAKTÖRI (Vancouver), HIGH ANXIETY (Ontario), BOOT (Ottawa) @ Piranha Bar – 12:30pm/12h30 – $20

Varning Main Show: VARUKERS (UK), LANGUID (Edmonton), INNOCENT (Boston), PUFFER, EPAULET (Toronto), VENENÖ (NYC), PSYCHIC ARMOUR, EULOGY @ Piranha Bar – 7pm/19h – $35

Saturday September 13 – Samedi 13 septembre

Varning Matinée: CELL DETH (PEI), ENDFORM, POISON SPEAR (PEI/Montreal), PIED-DE-BICHE @ Piranha Bar – 12h30 – $20

Varning Punk Market (up your stud count) @ Piranha Bar – FREE/AA

Varning Main Show: DISTURD (Japan), LIFELESS DARK (Boston), HEDONIST (Victoria), ALEMENT (Philadelphia), METALIAN, PORTAL TOMB, SISTEMA DE MUERTE @ Piranha Bar – 6pm/18h – $35

Varning After Show: TOTAL NADA, BLOODIED ANGELS (Boston), TRENCHRAID (BC), XHELIESINRUINX @ Piranha Bar – 12am/0h00 – $20

PRIVATE LIVES, STRANGE ATTRACTOR (Sudbury), CONSTRICTOR (Sudbury) @ The Crumper – 8pm/20h – $15

Friday September 19 – Vendredi 19 septembre

LATHE OF HEAVEN (NYC), PERESTROIKA, RECALL @ L'esco – 20h/8pm – $28

Sunday September 21 – Dimanche 21 septembre

THE DIRTY NIL (Ontario), HEART ATTACK MAN (Cleveland), SPITE HOUSE @ Café Campus – 6pm/18h – $30

Friday September 26 – Vendredi 26 septembre

BÉTON ARMÉ, NO TIME (Pittsburgh), FAZE, SIKM (Atlanta), ONE TRACK MIND @ Café Cléopatre – 7pm/19h – sold out, do what you gotta do

Saturday September 27 – Samedi 27 septembre

BÉTON ARMÉ, HOME FRONT (Edmonton), PUFFER, MEAN STREET (Bathurst), YOUNG BLADES @ Tapage/B7 – 7pm/19h – sold out, do what you gotta do

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025

BLACK DOG CLOSETALKERS. DEADBOLT. EX-TRADITION FAZE FLOWER. FUCKIN' LOVERS. HYSTERIC POLEMIX. KINETIC ORBITAL STRIKE. LIFE EXPECTANCY. MERCY THE MOB. TOTAL NADA SCUMPUTER. STREET GLOVES. UZU. WARKRUSHER. ZIGZAG. ZOUNDS.

NEW: *La Chaîne* Signal account for stories, submissions & announcements

You can submit shows, reviews, or pictures to La Chaîne on Signal now. We'll post Stories when there's a new issue out and where to find it, prompts or deadlines for submissions to upcoming issues, etc. Most content will still be only in the paper though so you still gotta find a copy. Here's how to connect:

1. Download Signal from your app store if you haven't already. (It's 2025 and we live in hell, if you don't think you "need" encrypted messaging, someone you want to talk to does.)

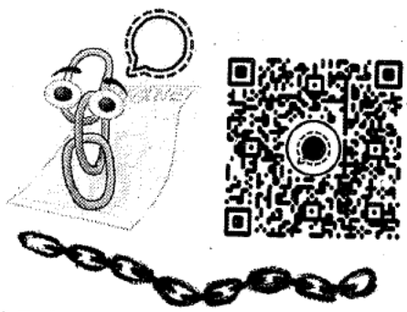
2. Connect with La Chaîne on Signal– find the account by searching:

   phone number: 438-272-6270
   OR username: lachaine.01
   OR scan the QR code below

3. Send a message (can be anything) to the account to establish a connection

4. Make sure stories are enabled your Signal settings (click on your pfp > stories)

If you want a more detailed explainer on the hows and whys of using Signal stories, check out The Counterforce's Guide to Signal for Punks: the-counterforce.org/signal-for-punks



ABOUT

La Chaîne est une infolettre mensuelle et un calendrier de shows de la scène punk DIY Montréalaise. Envoyez-nous vos contributions en français et/ou en anglais: les annonces de spectacles punk/hc, les photos, les dessins,les critiques et les petits annonces. (Soumettre un article n'est pas une garantie de la publication.)

La Chaîne is a monthly newsletter and show calendar from the Montreal DIY punk scene. Send us your submissions in french and/or english: punk/hc show announcements, photos, drawings, reviews and classified ads. (Submission does not guarantee publication.)

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